

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/051,161	LEE, CHING-CHUAN
	Examiner Lana N Le	Art Unit 2685

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 01/22/02.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
3.  The drawings filed on 01/22/02 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All
  - b)  Some\*
  - c)  None
 of the:
  1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

***REASON FOR ALLOWANCE***

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

- claim 1, line 5, delete "the" and add "an";
- claim 1, line 6, delete "the" and add "a";

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, Umemoto et al (US 5,771,464) discloses a hands-free handset for a cordless telephone adapted for household use, the cordless telephone including a base unit (3) and a handset (4) (col 4, lines 18-20), the handset comprising:

detecting use of a state of battery (col 9, lines 24-25);  
a voice loop for demodulating (via demodulation circuit 26) a signal received by a medium frequency loop for conversion back to a voice signal for subsequent amplification and output (col 5, lines ),  
automatically using a speaker and a microphone (4b) built in the handset prior to connection of the external speaker (col 5, lines 48-50), and

amplifying (via amplifier 36) and modulating (via modulation circuit 26) a voice signal received by a microphone (4b) and outputting the same to the medium-frequency loop for amplification and transmission (col 6, lines 1-3); and

a port switching device (3d) for realizing switching between an external speaker (3a) and an external microphone (3b), that is, automatically using a speaker (4a) and a microphone (4b) built in the handset (4) (col 5, lines 56-59);

detecting intensity of voices both parties to realize an automatic gain modulating function and to reduce edge sounds to a certain extend (col 6, lines 26-28).

Bodnar et al (US 2004/0,097,264) disclose an automatic hang up feature in wireless phones (paras. 26, 47).

Umemoto et al, Bodnar et al, and the cited prior art fail to further disclose: an automatic receiving and automatic hanging-up control loop for detecting a ringer signal to control and realize an automatic receiving function, detecting a busy signal to realize a function of automatically hanging up; automatically cutting off the speaker and the microphone built in the handset and detecting intensity of voices of both parties to realize thereby realizing a hands-free function; and verifying a code of the handset to eliminate error actions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lana N Le whose telephone number is (703) 308-5836. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

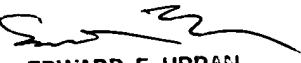
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F Urban can be reached on (703) 305-4385. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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